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Drayton Valley



Dashing through the snow

Photo by Debbie Marshall

Some time to go to the store, then home and get that's exactly what the Drayton Valley 4-H Best Club did Saturday with the help of driver

George Miller. The 4-H club members took advantage of the warm winter weather and all took a little break to go to the store to enjoy the occasion which took place west of town.

Blowout inquiry meeting scheduled

Drayton Valley and area residents will have a first hand opportunity to view a report on the inquiry into the 1989 sour gas well blowout near Lodgepole, at a public meeting here Dec. 18.

The meeting, scheduled at 7 p.m. at the Royal Canadian Legion Hall, represents the first time information on the inquiry conducted by the Energy Resources Conservation Board (ERCB) will be made public.

Vera Millard, chairman of the Lodgepole Inquiry Panel said the report will be available for discussion and will be released simultaneously at the ERCB offices in Edmonton and Calgary.

"The Lodgepole report summarizes the views of public interest groups, industry, the government, and the ERCB," he stated in a press release.

Certainly, it is the inquiry panel's belief that what has been learned will make sour well drilling and production safer for all Albertans, including those who work in the industry and those who live near it," added Millard.

A spokesman from Amoco Canada, the company involved in the blowout, said they have not received an early copy of the inquiry report.

"We have no idea as to what the panel has concluded," noted Don Smith, adding Amoco representatives will be in attendance at the public meeting.

Rob Macintosh of the Pembina River Gas Committee, a group composed of local and area residents concerned with the blowout, said he will be at the meeting to voice his concerns.

"The panel has a lot of information to the inquiry," he said, noting the committee submitted "several hundred" pages of information to the inquiry board.

Checkstop program in full gear for the holiday season

Christmas is a time for parties and merriment. And more often than not alcohol is a part of it all.

This past weekend, local RCMP stepped up their checkstop program to counteract the increased consumption of alcohol during the holiday season.

"We will continue this more rigorous program through to the New Year," said Cpl. Chris Lee.

"We'll be setting up one to three checkstop per week, depending on the activity."

"And we intend to put them up during the day and evening (throughout the week) at different locations in town and on highways."

"The program will include patrolling of the detachment area as well as a number of high visibility checkpoints," he added.

"Officers will be adjusting their schedules to work on the program and will be keeping bars and parties under close scrutiny."

"We want to get through the season without a fatality," Lee stressed.

The checkstop program has worked well in the past. "It's been very effective. A more educated public has turned the problem around."

He said many people are taking the drunk driving problem seriously. "There seems to be a

tendency for people to hire drivers when they go to parties and dances, and we avidly support it."

"If people are having parties, it's something they should consider."

But nevertheless, Lee said the RCMP will continue their checkstop program as they have in the past. "Impaired driving causes us a lot of concern and we're not going to let up even though there is a decrease in arrests."

"We have the manpower, the facilities and the equipment and we're going to use them."

"We want to make people aware that if they take the chance, and get caught, they're going to blame but themselves."



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Farmer's Market about to close for season

Everyone who makes a point of going to the Drayton Valley Farmer's Market on Wednesday afternoon has only one more day this year to browse around and buy the items on offer.

December 19 is the last market day on the 1984 calendar with March 30 slated for its reopening.

"This farmer's market has never operated year-round," said market manager Lynn Marschel. "Business really slows down in January and February," she explained.

For the months that it is in operation, the farmer's market is busy. "We were packed to capacity this year. People looked sadder than other years."

With 22 regular stall-holders, the remaining tables go to others on a first-come first-served basis.

As well as some B.C. fruit, there is quite a variety of handicrafts on offer now, she said.

"Shoppers tend to put out a little more this time of year."

"One week there were seven people selling cabbage patch doll clothes," she added.

"And there are some new crocheted items."

Marschel said she would like to see the farmer's market expanded somewhat. "It would be nice to have another day around Christmas time for people who do not regularly sell at the farmer's market."

The regular stall-holders are a dedicated lot, she said. "When I say regulars, I mean they are there almost every week from when it opens in the spring until it closes."

"We have quite a few local people as well as

others from Leduc, Millet, Sherwood Park, Spruce Grove and Lacombe."

Almost anyone can sell at the farmer's market. "If you make it, bake it, grow it or produce it, you can sell it. We do not allow manufactured goods."

"Farmer's markets were started as a place where farmers could sell their excess items and we are trying to keep it that way."

"It isn't a flea market. We only sell new items," she added.

The market has proven to be successful over the years. "You'll see some of the same customers come in every time."

"It's good to see a lot of people out, especially the older people."

And Marschel said she is always looking for new ideas and new things to sell at the farmer's market.



The farmer's market operates 10 months of the year.

Donations slowly trickling in

The Drayton Valley Santa's Anonymous program is off to what organizer Linda Thompson called "a slow start."

She said few items have been dropped off at the various bins located throughout town but noted the situation is not unusual for the start of the annual Royal Canadian Legion sponsored project.

"It's always the same every year but we've always made it through."

Thompson said 50 families are listed to receive packages of gifts, food and clothing and it's expected more will be signed up.

As well as collecting items, the legion will also use monetary donations to purchase goods not donated.

Last year more than 180 local families received packages from Santa's Anonymous.

There are 14 drop off points in Drayton Valley including the legion lounge, Brandon New and Ltd., Old Bank, RJA, White Bull, DeJong's Meats, Westwind Motor Inn, Black Gold Inn, the Credit Union, Bank of Montreal, Bank of Nova Scotia, the Treasury Branch, the Toronto Dominion Bank and Mike's Food Store.

"All trees must be hand cut. Hill said, so it's best to leave the chainsaw in the garage."

As well, regulations state it is illegal to cut any tree more than 2.5 metres in height.

No need to worry though since such a tree would tower about 8 1/2 feet and probably wouldn't fit in your house (remember the rules).

Hill advised that you do follow regulations. "That's the whole idea of getting the tree cut."

It may also be beneficial to arm yourself with an axe early, since Hill noted about 2,000 trees are chopped annually during this season.

But other than finding the tree of your dreams, there's nothing to worry about — said from how to fit it in your truck, that is.

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Stop before you chop

So you want to get back to basics and chop down your own Christmas tree?

Before you grab an axe and head for the nearest forest, you should know only certain forest areas are designated for cutting and some restrictions do apply.

Sharon Hill of the Alberta Forestry office in Leduc says there are two main locations where trees can be legally chopped.

The first is located about three kilometres east of Leduc on Highway 630 to Drayton Valley, and the second is on the same route but eight kilometres from the village.

But again, before you head out there's a few more things to remember, including a permit.

Hill said a valid permit from Alberta Forestry is necessary before any trees can be cut down.

"Twenty trees are allowed per permit," she said. "And from the date it's issued, you have 30 days to pick up your trees."

Permits are priced at \$1.50 per tree and are available through the Ranger Station in Leduc, which will be specially open this Saturday from 8 a.m. to noon.

If you're unable to make it at that time, your only other opportunity is during regular office hours.

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Society dissolves

In its last official act, the Drayton Valley Nursing Home Society has presented the local hospital with a \$15,000 donation.

A cheque was presented to Drayton Valley and District Health Complex administrator Jim Zeven Nov. 8 with the funds slated for use in the hospital's nursing home.

Society co-founder Gladys Stie was to solicit donations for the miscellaneous support of a nursing home, but will no longer continue.

"We're dissolving the society, as we are no longer active," she explained.

Stie pointed out that since the nursing home in the new hospital opened in June, other donations have been given directly to the complex and it was a matter of the society following suit, leaving solicitation on the nose of the hospital.

"We had hoped for the society to be an ongoing thing but like all things it sort of ran its course."

James said part of the donation will go towards the purchase of recreational equipment such as a television with a large screen, a video

Anti-nuclear group goes monthly

The Pembina Institute for Appropriate Technology will hold its next public meeting regarding the nuclear arms issue Dec. 18.

The meeting, scheduled at 7:00 p.m. in the L.V. Peck Junior High School library, is an informational session which PIAI member Bob Macintosh said represents the start of regular monthly meetings for the group.

"People are welcome to attend just for the in-



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Oilwives carol on

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two hay wagons and visited the Beebe, Shugri La Lodge and the Whaling Well Apartments.

School receives computer grant

For years now, computer technology has been affecting the education system and is now included as part of the curriculum for even the youngest student.

In keeping with the trend, Elderboro school will introduce a computer program for Grades 1, 2, and 3 and has received provincial grants to buy additional terminals.

"We were able to get a provincial Educational Opportunities Fund grant of \$15,500 for three years," said principal David Pearson.

The money will be used to develop a computer program proposal, with 60 per cent spent on materials and 40 per cent used for staffing.

The school has also received a \$5 per child Building Quality Restoration Program matching grant to assist with the computer program.

"With the money, we have ordered five more computers (bringing the school's total to 11) and

hired a teacher's aid to help implement the program," Pearson said.

"The thrust of the program is to get teachers and children involved with computers and to provide the children with some computer literacy."

In past years, the school had a limited computer program at the Grade 8 level. The new program, to begin after Christmas, will see each class spending two or three periods a week in a computer room.

"This will be very much of an experimental year because we're not sure of the program's potential and many kids have no experience with computers."

Pearson said the school will be looking at applying for additional grants next year in order to buy more computers and further expand the program.

Ticket sales disappointing

Limited ticket sales have disappointed organizers of the Frank Madlock 28 Year Anniversary Reunion but with the ticket deadline passed, they are continuing to make plans for next summer's event.

Seven hundred replies have been received back from the 3000 invitations sent. "We've gotten replies from all over the world like United States, England and Italy, but local people are not responding the way we expected they would," said organizer Jean Chaney.

Organizers estimate only 15 to 20 per cent of the replies have been from locals.

"I'm surprised that the locals haven't picked up on it. It's a really big deal."

Chaney said there is some concern that local people think they can just show up at the reunion instead of sending in their replies. "If they do, we'll have to turn them away."

Regardless of the less-than-expected response, plans are being finalized.

"We are going ahead with the people who have replied."

"We've looked the land and the hall and are looking at catering."

"With a committee of about seven, we are trying to spread out the organizing jobs, so we don't have to work 24 hours a day at it."

Plans for the anniversary reunion, scheduled for June 28, 29 and 30 of next year, include registration on the first day and more registration, an open house, tours of the school, outdoor ceremonies, dinner and a dance on the 29th. A family day is set for the last day.



Harry Tweedle and Gladys Stie were co-founders of the Drayton Valley Nursing Home Society.

Opinions



Photo by Ray Laidlaw

Shed slowly starts

At one time this hay shed kept enough feed to put cattle through the winter. Now, the roof that kept the snow and rain off the hay has slowly

ly started to deteriorate, leaving it to the mercy of the seasons and those birds waiting a place to nest.

Weather prediction bleak

Once again we're back into the cold weather and the latest prediction I have is from Belle Cahoon at the Wishing Well Apartments. She says that we can expect a cold Christmas. It isn't good news at all, but it's not Belle's fault.

This brings to mind the recent "heat wave". The best comment heard on that one is from an Edmonton Oilers fan, Ron Nikiforuk. "Indian Summer finally made it," said our friend.

Last year's Christmas greeting section well-received, so we're running with a similar format, but including an even larger selection of songs. What we've also done is have the

Christmas the season to give of ourselves

There are less than two weeks of shopping before Christmas and it's also a time to consider Santa's Anonymous.

How many families in our community are less fortunate than many of us and will have a barren holiday unless we give to Santa's Anonymous?

And how many of us need all the gifts we receive?

These are easy questions to answer when you consider that our contributions will make the difference between a family's having a Christmas or not having one.

It's not a matter of giving more than what you have, it's a matter of taking a little less for ourselves and giving a little to someone else so that they may have a Christmas as well.

Preparation key to safety

It was on Oct. 17 of 1982 that Amoco's gas well blew out of control near Lodgepole, and finally the findings of the Energy Resources Conservation Board (ERCB) have been compiled and will be made public Dec. 18.

The disaster in Shopul, India underscores the necessity to be aware of the dangers of living in the vicinity of highly toxic substances.

We have to be realistic and recognize that Drayton Valley would not exist as we know it if not for the oil industry. But it is also the responsibility of the regulating bodies of the government, and the oil industry itself, to ensure our safety.

Preparation is the key factor when dealing with such things as hydrogen sulfide. We have to know what we're dealing with and be able to respond to an emergency when something such as a gas well goes out of control.

No amount of commerce is worth risking lives for, and we deserve the government's and the industry's support in that matter.

Dec. 18 will tell us what they have done.

Editor's Notes

carol section printed up beforehand and they are now available as a separate songbook. We have lots of copies, but it's first come, first serve, so call before you stop by the office.

We have a mystery at The Western Review office. I was in over the weekend and found a Montreal Canadiens coffee cup on my desk. It wasn't there Friday and no one knows anything about its origin. It's a beauty of a cup. 100.



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Your Comment What do you want for Christmas?



Derek Bell
Drayton Valley
Just for my family to be with me.

Terri Bivall
Drayton Valley
A vacation on a sunny island.

Foster Dreyer
Drayton Valley
For all my family to be happy.

Michael Sommer
Drayton Valley
Snake Mountain, Cascade Grayhills and Trap jaw.

Benji Wilson
Drayton Valley
Lots of things. A computer, a Q-Bert video game, a backpack, and a Care Bear.

Poem deals with thoughts on nuclear war

Merry Christmas
(with thoughts to Clement C. Moore)
By Mark Stewart
Grade 10
St. Anthony School

Editor's note: The following poem is a submission from a student of St. Anthony School and is a humorous take on the Christmas season. However, due to space limitations and because it was felt it makes a worthwhile point, it was decided to publish it on an editorial page of The Western Review.

Corpses lay sprawled from the last air attacks.
Then I dropped to my knees.
I wanted to run.
A mushroom shaped cloud World War III has begun!

A missile flew overhead, so lively and quick,
Whoever had launched it must've really been sick.
Quicker than eagles, the cruise missiles flew.
Didn't world leaders know they would die too?

Now M.X. now Sidewinder, now Discovery
On Pershing, on Trident, on SS Twenty.
To the Kremlin in Russia, to Washington D.C.
Of the nuclear weapons, we'll never be free.

The alien flashed with yellow and orange and red.
Despite all its brilliance, we'd all soon be dead.
So I called out to all, both enemy and friend,
The smoke billowed round blown up jets and half tracks.

This war's out of our hands, so what's to defend?
We gathered together, like brothers and all.
Not much time was left - some had started to fall.
I spoke out my gun and threw it aside.
So did the others, but men had already died.

Soon there were more weapons than the eye could see.
We rejected, of this war we were finally free.
A flash reminds us that no one could last.
I wondered which country pushed the button first.
(Of all wrong decisions, wasn't this the worst?)

The clock ticked on - another man fell.
Would I be the next? Nobody could tell.

We began to dance, clap and started to sing
Of Christmas, of home, and then just anything.

We harmonized, even through the language barrier
No one feared death - we couldn't be happier!

A Russian gave me his boots: I gave him my shirt.
But my body was dying. Oh God! How it hurt!

I spoke out my gun and threw it aside.
So did the others, but men had already died.

Not we were all dying, we were only three:
A Russian soldier, the sergeant and me.

They both dropped dead, arms around one another.
Everyone died - but each of us a brother.

I'm the only one left. I'm the last, the last.
I've got something to say that I'd better say fast!

If it wasn't for God, I'd have died from sheer fright.
So happy Christmas to all and to all a good night!

Thanks and praise given to volunteers for making event successful

Dear Editor,

A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all the staff and readers of your fine newspaper.

I think all those wonderful people from Drayton Valley and the surrounding country are to be congratulated on their unselfish efforts to make our local people, who gave of their time and effort to make this lodge and community a place of honor and distinction. I particularly want to mention Mary and John Ayoub and their family, who always come through when it seemed impossible to

Letters

carry another chair or lay another table to accommodate the displays.

Of course Iags H., Cathy Foster, Bev Reid, Stella St. Laurent and daughter Millie Olson and

the countless others who came in to help with the sales and displays. I have forgotten many.

May this be a Christmas when we all remember the less fortunate - those poor people in India - and may we remember when we open our gifts Christmas day the starving, hungry people of the world over.

Thanks to you Mr. St. Adams for allowing me how to write a short and interesting letter.
At this time I add many hundreds years ago. "Bless us all" and you especially Mr. Scroggs.
Happy holidays,
Renee Hogarth

Local playschool expands with new location

By Carol Dettler

Thanks to the generosity of people at the Protestant Tabernacle, more three- and four-year-old children are able to attend the Drayton Valley Playschool.

"Over 100 children were signed up for the playschool this year and the playschool building inside the Tabernacle can only accommodate four classes of 20 children," said Toni Lachance, a playschool teacher.

"We had more than 80 children on a waiting list; we approached the church in town, looking for extra space."

"However, the support was receptive from the start and offered a room in the tabernacle's basement rent-free."

"And because of various safety regulations, the tabernacle had to put out a lot of money to upgrade the room before we could use it."

"They really helped us out of a tight spot," she added.

"We still have about half a dozen children on the waiting list, but at least we've done the best we could."

Older children get priority. "We try to place four-year-olds first because three-year-olds will get another chance to attend the next year."

The playschool's space problem is not an easy one to solve. "It's difficult to make permanent expansion plans because we never know from year to year how many kids will be coming in."

The Drayton Valley Playschool, in existence for five years, operates as a parent co-operative. "We receive no government funding," she said.

The majority of the playschool's costs are paid by the \$30 to \$55 monthly attendance fee.

Unlike the kindergarten, parent commitment doesn't end with money. Parents help with things like fund-raising and cleaning, Lachance said.

She said a lot of people have the misconception that parents simply use the playschool as a babysitting service. "The kids are happy to come and parents are happy to send them, but after fund-raising, making meals and all volunteer for various things, it's more work to bring the kids in than to let them with the program."

The playschool runs from September to May. "It isn't very structured, but it gives the children



— Photo by Carol Dettler
Christopher Cox is one of many children who go to the playschool.

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The three- and four-year-olds join in activities such as singing, dancing, and finger plays and get a lot of free play time as well.

Playschool has proven to be quite successful, Lachance added.

"We have a high return rate. It's not very often a three-year-old doesn't return when his/her is four."

"And we've had feedback from parents that it is easier for the kids to fit into kindergarten when they are five years old after coming to the playschool."

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Recreation

Amazons having early problems

What was supposed to be the middle year of a three-year re-building plan seen the Frank Macdonald High School Amazons' basketball program returning to square one.

In their season debut at a high school tournament in Brooks, the girls' team was eliminated in straight games, losing 67-40 to Milk River and by 20 points to Rosemary, two southern Alberta teams.

"From a basics and work ethic point of view, it (the team) was a disappointment," Amazon coach Dave Schwindt said Monday.

"Milk River was considerably better than us, so we couldn't score. But against Rosemary, a team we should have beat, we lost by 20 points."

The Amazons and their Warrior counterparts, Stony Plain Composite High School, The girls begin at 5:30 and the boys at 4:30.

"Last year, I saw it as a three-year program, but with losing people (this year) it throws us back a notch," Schwindt said.

"I think we can be as strong if not stronger than last year by the end of the season. But right now we're weak. They (players) don't think they can make a difference out there so right now it's back to the basics."

In terms of personnel, the senior high team has lost seven players to either graduation or out-of-school influences as well as assistant head coach Ken Cameron. Unlike last year, the high school girls' program will remain with only one team in place of the senior/junior split.

If Schwindt was optimistic at the end of last season, which was better than average for the Amazons, he's turned at least skeptical at the beginning of this year.

"I hate to set win-loss records," the long-time coach said, "when we had everyone, before players graduated. I thought we had a chance at provincials. That's going to be a lot tougher now. We have to go back and start from scratch."

"Technically compared to last year, we're taller and we have some small quick players. I think we can put up a starting five and be quicker compared to last year, but we're weak after that."

More simply, the team lacks depth. There's no



— Photo by Phil Courtenay
Despite having a rebuilding year, coach Dave Schwindt says the Amazons can be just as strong as last year's team, in time. The girls' team lost in their first tournament appearance this year.

Blades appear on track after past three

The Drayton Valley Blades turned things around last week, downing the Rocky Mountain House Rockets twice and losing to Barrhead Junior 'B' Elks in overtime.

On Wednesday, the Blades rushed past the Rockets early and skated to a rough 6-0 win at Rocky Mountain House.

On Friday at the Central Alberta Civic Arena, the local Central Alberta Junior 'B' Rockets, a league team dropped to a 3-1 deficit after the first period but struggled to tie the game in the third and force overtime. Elks scored on a breakaway near the end of the period.

"We look a heating Wednesday and the first period against Elks was the result," Blades head coach Lorne Poulin said, adding it was just a "super effort" in both games.

Behind again on Saturday, Blades scored four unanswered goals in the third period to overcome Kevin Hutchinson scored the winning goal mid-way through the extra period.

The Blades face possibly their toughest schedule for the year this week with four games starting Tuesday in Barrhead and Wednesday in Hobbema. Hobbema comes here Friday night and Hobbema makes a return trip Saturday.

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— Photo by Phil Courtenay
The Blades won two of three games last week.

New grant program stalls schools

Parkland County Council has tabled about 20 Major Culture and Recreation grant (MCR) applications pending the start of the province's new community funding program.

Included in the applications are bids from Stony Plain and Tomahawk schools. Extracurricular applied for funds to complete its creative park project while Tomahawk has planned a small skating rink and shelter.

The 10-year MCR program ends this December.

County recreation director Barb Smith said Monday both projects fit under the guidelines announced so far for the new Community Culture and Recreation Grant program and there should be no difficulty for applying the applications.

"With what we know now, all the applica-

tions fit the requirements of the new program," she said.

The county recreation board recommended to council the applications be tabled until further information is released by the province on the program. Smith said adding that information is expected early in the new year.

A briefing session on the community grant program is scheduled for Jan. 10.

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Local schools move to form parent advisory committees

By Carol Dietrich

A small but concerned group of parents gathered in the gymnasium of Elementary 29 school to learn more about parent advisory committees, and later, in a guest speaker well informed on the subject.

The purpose of the joint meeting between Elementary 29 and Eldorado schools Dec. 4 was to provide general information on the topic.

"I'm going to tell you about parent advisory committees because I feel they are an inherent part of the school system," said speaker Betty Boush, principal of Blueberry Community school.

"A parent advisory committee is a formalized method of obtaining lay participation, planning, improving and fostering the relationship between community and school."

"The main focus is to improve school life. School-community relations can lead to its forward citizens on educational matters," she said.

"And the image of the school often relates to the involvement of the parents."

Boush said the duties of the advisory committee were gathering information and informing parents, promoting parent participation, making recommendations to the administration on school matters, to become actively involved in projects that focus on improving school life and understanding the role of the committee in the overall operation of the school.

"To be qualified to sit on the committee you must have an interest in the education of every child and the community."

"You need a positive attitude toward education."

"If you have an axe to grind, you should find an avenue other than the advisory committee," Boush added.

A member of the committee must also be willing to devote time and energy to the position, be able to think objectively and know what the functions of the group are, she said.

Boush outlined the advisory committee as a group involved in fact-finding, wisdom-dispensing, policy-guiding, advice-giving, evaluating, communicating and participating.



Betty Boush was guest speaker for the evening.

However, she admitted getting people to sit on the committee was sometimes a problem. "I could lie to you and say I have parents beating down the door to get involved. I usually have to really work to get a full house (12 to 15 people)."

"Volunteer programs, school newsletters, fund-raising, school policies and special events are more negotiable than staff deployment, staff evasions, time, budget and unsolvable."

"We had nothing but success with having parents involved at my school."

The small number of parents at the meeting disappointed Elementary 29 school principal Elson Keown. "I had hoped more would come but those that came gave us a nucleus of people to start with."

"Eight people signed up after the meeting," Keown said he will send out a newsletter to all parents to give them an opportunity to become involved in the school's advisory committee.

"We'll be looking very seriously at forming one in January."

"Our main objectives will be forming our goals, and setting up a constitution. The committee will probably come into full operation in the fall."

He said Drayton Valley likely has some of the last schools in the county to form parent advisory committees.

Howard Pearson, principal of Eldorado school expected more response from parents as well but was positive about the meeting. "Parent involvement at our school is good but not structured. We need some structure so people can belong to a group with a purpose."

Pearson said eight people signed up for his school and that he planned to have another meeting in the new year.

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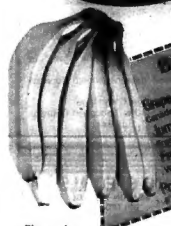
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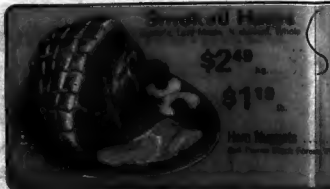
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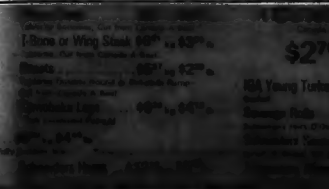
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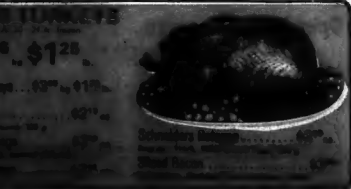
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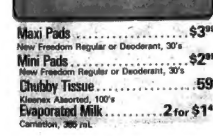
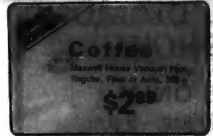
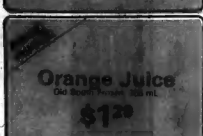
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County applies for sewage grant

By Phil Corrie
Poplar Ridge is one step closer to solving its sewer disposal problem as Parkland County will go ahead with grant applications on a \$1 million sewer construction plan.

County council voted 5-2 here Thursday to proceed with the applications in order to finalize costs for both the county and the town of Drayton Valley which will share in the project.

According to information presented by county engineer John Trach, the plan calls for a sewer trunk west of Highway 22 and some unit services in the new hamlet to be connected to the town's current sewer infrastructure. The plan would also include upgrading the water treatment plant south of 48 Avenue.

Trach told council until the provincial government decided what percentage of the construction costs it was willing to share, it would be hard to determine final costs.

Depending on how much the Department of Utilities and Transportation decides to pay through the Alberta Water and Sewer Grant Program, the town and county would then split the remaining construction costs based on the amount of service each is responsible for across Highway 22.

Trach also presented figures for 300 individual units in the hamlet, but added Friday those costs were speculative and "until we get some sort of commitment from the government, to actually talk about cost to individuals may be confusing and in some cases frustrating."

He did tell council, however, the worst cost scenario for Poplar Ridge would fall below rates now charged in Violet Grove.

Town council members present at the meeting had little to say on the subject although they did agree there was an "informal agreement" between Drayton Valley and the county to utilize the town's existing sewer lines when development in Poplar Ridge became necessary.

The two councillors that voted against going ahead with the applications - Ben Pollock and George Russell - agreed with the proposals but wanted more time to review figures.

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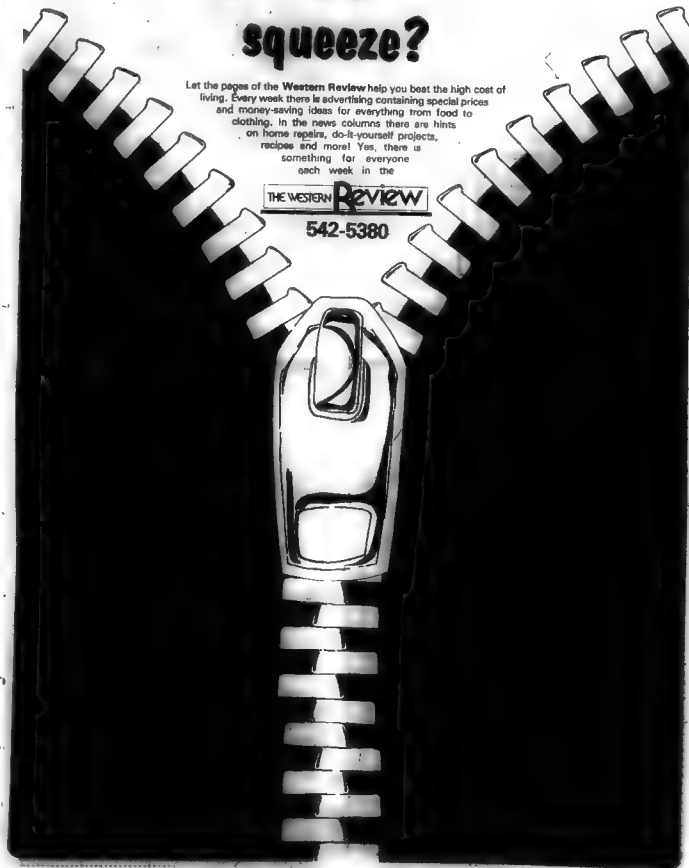
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By Linda Christ
789-3372

The bearberry is a low shrub found in smoking areas usually under pine, black spruce or tamarack. It takes the form of a small, square, woody stem at ground. The leaves are often oval, dark green and leathery. They

peer beneath with a network of fine veins visible. The flowers are pinkish white, urn shaped and drooping. The fruit is round, red, dark when ripe, and dry and meaty in texture. Bearberry is useful as a survival food although the fruit is rather dry and bland. Bearberry is known

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Old cars don't die, they become used parts

By Phil Custerella
The poster hanging in the office tells you half of what Gary Berger's business is all about: "This is not a junkyard."
The other half comes from Berger. "The name 'Gary's Auto Wrecking' tells people what we do, but we like to use the term 'auto dismantler'. We take more care removing the parts; they're taken out by a licensed mechanic, washed, repaired, inspected and sold."
"Our (Berger and his wife) idea was not to have a cluttered up junkyard and to take a lot to keep it neat and tidy."
Indeed, Berger's 10-year-old business is not your typical "junkyard" and his operation, they deal exclusively in automotive parts — from radio knobs to re-built engines — and nothing else.
"It's the old idea of the auto dismantler versus the junkyard. We don't take scrap metal, but a place where we recycle automobile parts."
The "junkyard image" is something Berger and his fellow dismantlers have been trying to shake for years and which prompted such organizations as the Automotive Dismantlers and Recyclers of America Association.
But it's a hard image to avoid to most people a dismantler is a junker with a fancy name. One look at Berger's operation, however, tells a different story. There's simply no junk here.

thousands of parts taken from just about every make of car and truck from 1960 on and a few even older. And it's a competitive market, where to stay ahead, you have to know what the changes in the automotive industry. Not only do you have to know what the parts are, but where they go, how they work and what they fit — otherwise you're lost.
Berger started looking to set up Gary's Auto Wrecking 10 years ago. After searching for a location in Parkland County and Drayton Valley with no luck, he was granted a development permit in Ladang County in 1974, about five kilometers east on Highway 38.
"At the time we didn't have any neighbors, so we didn't have any opposition. And the county was quite receptive to it," he said.
What began as a woman, one-man operation with a handful of parts and trucks has expanded into a successful business. Although he has only two mechanics working full time at present (including his wife or himself, Berger has had up to six employees stripping cars, and rebuilding parts.
Most of the vehicles the business purchases are insurance write-offs — cars and trucks no longer road worthy due usually to an accident. Berger also buys vehicles locally and off to individuals.
Using the Ballard's Interchange Book — the Darryl's manual for the automotive parts business.



One thing Gary Berger tries to make perfectly clear, his business is automotive, not food.
his own stocking and filing system. Berger keeps track of all parts and knows within moments whether or not he can service a request. Currently, he says he can service about 75 per cent of the calls coming in.
"You have to keep on top of it, to keep informed as you can learn the business," he says.
"You have to have the information for help, unless you're a professional," he says.
There's more options coming out in newer vehicles and it affects the parts they need. Different models of the same vehicle can require different parts. It can be little or small, but you have to keep on top of it."

Firefighters offer special drive home service

The Drayton Valley Firefighters Association wants to help local businesses and communities celebrate Christmas safely.

The group is offering a drive-home service for motorists who are on the road late in the evening.

"We're not out to take away anything from

the real service," explained Fire Chief Gordon Fenn.

"There's still some equipment needed for the service truck and our guys figured we should do something for the community to take for themselves rather than just going out and asking donations."

Fenn pointed out the firefighters will not be

present at various places throughout town waiting for the public to take advantage of the service.

"If the drive-home service all has to be pre-arranged by the company that's having the party," he said.

"If a company wants to provide this service for their employees they must give us a call beforehand and let us know what time to be there."

If you end up getting home with the help of the firefighters, there's no need to worry about having to leave your car overnight, since drivers will take the car along with you, Fenn said.

The drive-home service is in effect now and the firefighters hope it's successful.

"We just want to assist people in enjoying the holiday by providing this service so nobody has to be on the road under the influence."

Church rectory broken into

Crime Stoppers want to find the thieves responsible for the break, enter and theft at the Catholic Church rectory in Drayton Valley.

Investigators believe that sometime between 6 p.m. and 7 p.m. on the 11th of August, 1983, persons or persons unknown entered the rectory by forcing open the east door. Once inside, they made their way to the bedroom, where \$400 was removed from an envelope on top of the dresser. The \$400 consisted of two \$100 American bills, one \$100 Canadian bill and a combination of \$10 and \$20.

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Service helps plan for the future

Career Centre re-opens doors

If you're uncertain about what to do with your life, there's a service in Drayton Valley which could help.

The Alberta Career Centre has reopened its counselling services in town after it was closed last March.

"Previously, response to the Career Centre was not as good as they (provincial government) thought it would be, so the program was cut," career counsellor Max McLean said.

"But we've had requests for the program to be reinstated so now it's available once more every Friday."

The main thrust of the centre is to put people on the right track when it comes to employment decisions.

"We offer a full career planning service," said McLean.

"People having trouble making a career choice often don't have the tools to make that choice. We have the tools to reconcile you with an occupation which may fit."

The centre is based on what McLean calls a "career planning model" which is a combination of personal information coupled with occupational information.

"Once you have these two things you can make a decision on what direction to go and then you have to go ahead with it," he explained.

Although a visit to the career centre could result in discovering the type of employment best suited to you, McLean pointed out following through is up to you.

"We don't go out and hunt up a job for somebody — that's handled by Canada Employment," added McLean.

Also available at the service is information on educational institutes, rehabilitation and training programs.

Part of my job is to certify eligible young people who are able to participate in the new Alberta Youth Employment and Training program."

The wage subsidy program came into effect Nov. 1 as an incentive for employers to hire people — such as high school or college graduates — so they can get the needed experience.

Although the Career Centre is available to the general public on an appointment basis, McLean said he also receives referrals from youth agencies such as social services.

The response from the existing agencies in Drayton Valley has been excellent.

"Now, it's just a matter of more residents becoming aware of the centre and taking advantage of it," he said.

"I just hope we can keep coming out here and do our best to get people happily to work."

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County extends French Immersion program

By Rich Gieson

The French Immersion program in the county will be extended to the junior high school level next year.

The Board of Education decided in committee session Nov. 27 to extend the program to Grade 7 next September and Grade 8 and 9 the following two years.

Approximately \$20,000 for library resources and teacher's salary will be needed to implement the decision in the 1985-86 school year, said assistant superintendent Mary Tkachuk. The cost of establishing instructional materials the following two years will require an additional expenditure of from \$3,500 to \$4,000.

The only option for the county was to provide an extension of the French Immersion program for students completing Grade 6 this year, challenge the legislation which sets the program

must be available or transport the students elsewhere and possibly lose their tuition fees, said Tkachuk.

Trustee Blaine Kahl said the board made a commitment to the French Immersion program and would not be showing good faith to back out.

A letter from the minister of Alberta Education encouraged the board "to be particularly sensitive to concerns of parents that French language instruction be provided and Kahl said she did not think the board had much choice in the matter.

Margaret McNary said a parent was concerned the 17 students who have been together since Grade 1 in the French Immersion program have not mingled in a school environment outside their own classroom and have consequently not developed social skills.

Tkachuk said the Grade 7 students will be

placed in Woodhaven Junior High and integrated into other classrooms instead of being kept to themselves.

At least two core subjects for students in the program will be offered in French but half their instruction will be in regular English-language classrooms.

Some trustees question spending the large amount of money required for a very small group of students.

Don Pollock asked whether he had to put his children in French Immersion in order to get a student-teacher ratio which is almost twice as beneficial to the student as most county schools are able to provide.

The board passed the recommendation to extend French Immersion with three trustees opposed.

Student enjoys programming

Youth interested in computers

By Ray Lalchuk

On weekends and after school Blaine Kahl enjoys riding motorcycles as a pastime. A Grade 8 student at H.W. Junior High School, he also enjoys shooting his pellet gun, watching hockey games, and playing and programming games on his home computer.

"There is only one thing wrong with my computer," Blaine says. "It only has 3K memory; so I can only program games that do not require a very big memory."

Blaine also plays trumpet in the school band and played in two concertos last year.

When asked if there was anything he'd change about school, Blaine's answer was simple: "I would like to change my language arts teacher and it would be nice if the days could start later and end earlier."

Student-at Random

In his spare time Blaine enjoys fiddling with simple electronics such as small electric motors and other related materials. He also enjoys watching television and his list of favorite programs includes the science-fiction series "V".

His taste in music leans towards such hard rock 'n' roll acts as Judas Priest, Helix, Twisted Sister and Al.

Course focuses on outlooks

Almost since the chalkboard was invented, educators have searched for improved methods of teaching and ways to help students learn.

Audiotapes, slides, smaller pupil/teacher ratios and open classrooms are part of a vast number of tools and techniques devised to provide each generation with the best possible education.

But perhaps the biggest stumbling block an educator faces are the students themselves.

A student's attitude toward school, teachers and themselves is an important key to unlocking their potential learning ability — in the classroom and out.

Several years ago Frank Maddock High School incorporated a personal psychology class in its curriculum, a course aimed almost exclusively at improving students' outlook.

Using course-work developed by American educator Zin Ziegler, the "I Can" class was pioneered in Alberta at Frank Maddock High School and has since spread to about 20 schools across the province.

In the past, there's been numerous studies and research done on a student's learning and how it's affected by attitude, local principle Richie Woods explains.

"If a student has a bad attitude about himself, he's not going to do the work," he says.

So the school began looking for something to positively affect student attitudes, something motivational.

It was found at a convention in Dallas four years ago during a session given by Ziegler and attended by Woods.

The only adductor to the audience, Woods was later introduced to Ziegler's and Maimie McCullagh's "I Can" material which was "exactly what we were looking for."

Although in some contexts it is heavily American influenced, "I Can" was put into a personal psychology class instructed by Anne Marie Hack. Since then, the class has attracted about 40 students a year over two semesters and the benefits noticeable.

In questionnaires filled out after each semester "all without exception, the kids valued the course and personally gained something out of it," Woods says.

"A couple of things happen with the kids. They start feeling better about themselves. They gain a sense of more self worth as they become less shy."

The effect of "I Can" is also seen around the school in the form of "I Can" — flashcards placed around corridors and classrooms with advice for the students.

Like its name suggests, the personal psychology class is directed towards the individual and their own self image.

A lot of the problem is that students think they can't do anything, the course's current instructor Joanne Killip says. "This course shows them that they can do it."

"Because they're not an expert in a certain area, it doesn't mean they're not intelligent or don't have the ability."

"I Can" tries to demonstrate a student is a good person even though he or she can't do some things, Killip further explains. "It gives a positive self image and shows they are good enough."

But where does this "bad self image" stem from?

"Possibly from peers, possibly from parents and possibly from (past) categorizations where they're grouped as non-achievers," Killip says.

"Everyday someone tells I'm dumb, therefore I must be, it's a self-fulfilling prophecy."

Along with public speaking and organizational skills, the personal psychology course involves time management, how to make friends and how to work to get assignments done on time.

While the course has definite and immediate results with student attitudes, neither Woods nor Killip could say what the long-term benefits are or whether the ideas expressed in the course affected work in other classes.

School Notebook

Need for Wider Hallways
By Rodney Stephenson
Grade 9A
H.W. Pickup School
Wider hallways are essential for bigger students. The hallways are too small for the amount of students. Students are always bumping into each other. That causes many fights. So either they have to walk in a single file or a whole bunch of people, or widen the hallways.

A Hair Style
By Glenn Norton
Grade 9B
H.W. Pickup School
Have you ever seen Mr. T's hairstyle? His hair looks like a black hedgehog on a hill. It looks like that because the sides of his head are as bald as a baby's bottom. His hairstyle stands out in a crowd because the sun glares off his head like a mirror. That's just one goofy hairstyle.

Why Hunting Isn't Fun
By Krik Meln
Grade 9A
H.W. Pickup School
Hunting is a killing sport. You hunt for the meat, fur, or just maybe for the fun. You try to kill an animal by shooting it, or by setting traps. Living creatures are killed because of this sport called "hunting." Hunting is no fun at all.

Hunting
By Ken Mackenzie
Grade 9A
H.W. Pickup School
I shot a tame rabbit once, when I was eight. I was pretending that I was going to shoot it, but my fingers slipped. The rabbit squeaked and died. I never shot at a rabbit again.

How to Annoy a Teacher
By Scott Heyland
Grade 9A
H.W. Pickup School
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Development sought

Manager gets on economic council

By Debbie Hasechak

Drayton Valley will have representation in a group which could help initiate stronger economic development in the area.

Town manager Manny Doel and Councillor Claire Carfoot have been appointed to the Yellowhead Economic Council, a newly established group recently announced by MP Joe Clark.

The council is to be made up of about 20 representatives from communities, businesses, local governments and economic development committees throughout the Yellowhead constituency.

In a press release, Clark indicated the main objective of the council would be to investigate development opportunities in the region and identify ways and means that programs could be brought forward to government or industry.

"The Economic Council should also work closely with provincial government departments," noted Clark, adding it is hoped contact will be with the relevant departments as soon as possible to encourage involvement.

According to the release, the council will also

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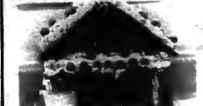
Holiday Deadline Change

In observance of the Christmas holiday, The Western Review offices will be closed Monday Dec. 24 and 25 and reopen Wednesday, Dec. 26. We will publish Wednesday, however, there will be a delay reaching our dealers and the post office and some subscribers will not receive this issue that same day.

The holiday will also result in a change of deadlines for classifieds and display advertising. Please submit all classifieds or display ads for the Dec. 28 issue prior to 12 p.m. Friday, Dec. 27.

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Santa comes to town

About 60 children took part in the first annual Rocky Rapids Christmas concert Dec. 11. Everyone enjoyed the evening directed by local

moments but the highlight for the children was the arrival of Santa Claus and the presents he delivered to them.

Illegal hunting on the rise

By Debbie Hasechak

Although the big game hunting season in the Drayton Valley area officially ended Dec. 1, illegal activity is still being reported.

"We're still receiving complaints on hunting in the off-season," said local Fish and Wildlife officer Don Onofrychuk.

He noted this hunting season resulted in an increase of reports of illegal hunting activity.

"It was an extremely busy hunting season and we received numerous complaints, especially of people hunting on occupied land without asking permission."

Onofrychuk said a number of cases were brought to court for trial and investigations into matters that occurred during the season and off season are still underway.

Other regulatory infractions included hunting at night, and shooting animals and leaving them.

"Just recently we had a cow moose illegally shot and then left. All that was taken were the hind quarters," he noted.

"This year there seems to be a real increase in that type of thing."

Anyone seeing illegal hunting activity is asked to report it to the Fish and Wildlife Office.

Meanwhile, Onofrychuk said the trapping season is underway in the area and a number of residential and registered lines have been set up.

To assist trappers, a basic trapping, fur handling and conservation course will be held in Drayton Valley in mid-February.

Those interested are asked to register through the local Fish and Wildlife office.

Fish and Wildlife Officer Dennis Urban of Evansburg also reported one of the busiest seasons on record. He noted that the number of prosecutions in his office doubled.